

## LETTERS FROM TWO STATES

### Windham County WOODSTOCK

**Dedicated Sunday School Election—Officers of the Church.**

Richard Child of New York was an over Sunday visitor at Valleyfield. Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Ritch have returned from a visit to their daughter in Watkins, N. Y.

#### Sunday School Officers.

The Congregational Sunday school elected the following officers Sunday for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Rev. R. R. Kendall; assistant superintendent, B. R. Ritch; secretary and treasurer, Miss Jessie Sumner. Raymond Sheldon of Brown university and Miss Gladys Sheldon of Bridgewater, Mass., are spending their vacation at their home here.

#### Theft Detecting Society's Election.

The annual meeting of the Woodstock Theft Detecting Society was held at North Woodstock Tuesday. The following officers were elected: President, Chester E. May; vice president, George M. Sampson; treasurer, David Aldrich; secretary, S. H. Peckham. A chicken pie dinner was enjoyed at 12.

In the afternoon Rev. James B. King of Eastford gave a most interesting address on "The American Soldier," which was filled with characterizations of the soldier drawn from Mr. King's personal experiences in the Civil war. Charles E. E. Baber returned Monday from a trip to New York.

#### Pansy Band Meets.

The Pansy band held a supper and social in the church parlors Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Miller of Worcester were Sunday guests of F. H. Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Hardy, who are spending the winter in Boston were in town Christmas day.

### EAST WOODSTOCK

Hostesses at Social—Funeral of Mrs. George W. Childs.

C. H. Killam is visiting Dr. C. C. Gilderale and family in Norwich. A social was held last Friday evening. The hostesses were Mabel Eddy, Flora Alton and Lyle Turner. A farce, "At the Junction," was given by J. B. Healey, A. C. Peckham, Edith Eddy and Flora Alton, also a recitation and piano solos by several young ladies. Cake and coffee were served in the chapel.

#### Saw Snow in Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nickerson motored from Providence Sunday, calling on relatives. They first saw snow in Putnam. Mr. and Mrs. Morton Child and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Alton attended the funeral of Mrs. Child in Thompson last Friday. Mrs. Child is a daughter of the deceased.

**Announcements of Teacher's Marriage.** Miss Marion Stevens and Dana A. Stanley were married Christmas day at the home of the bride's parents in West Midway. The bride closed her school here Dec. 19 and her pupils presented her two fine and one-half local views as a parting gift. Announcements were received of the wedding by her parents and parents.

#### Death of Mrs. Child.

Mrs. M. Agnes Child, widow of George W. Child, died at her home in Putnam Sunday evening. Mrs. Child was born in 1840. She had always resided here until three and one-half years ago, after the death of her mother, when she sold the farm which had been in the family for several generations. Mrs. Child is survived by one son, John E. of Putnam, Mrs. N. T. White of this place and Mrs. R. C. Palmer of Thompson, eight grandchildren, an adopted sister, Mrs. Moffitt of Hadley, Mass. The funeral was held Wednesday at 1 p. m. at the Congregational church, services being conducted by Rev. T. A. Turner. Burial was in the Child lot in the local cemetery.

### DAYVILLE

**Visitors During the Holidays—Family Gathering—Mrs. Samuel Wilkins' Death.**

William Wentworth of Portchester, N. Y., was in town for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds spent the week end in Dayville, and Mr. and Mrs. P. Cummings was at his home for Sunday.

Earl Breenley is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Breenley. Miss Myrtle Blanchard has returned from a Christmas visit with Providence relatives.

Mrs. Robert Mullin entertained Harry Kennedy over Christmas. Miss Mattie Leonard of Hartford was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Leavins.

Wayland Bennett spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Bennett.

Mrs. Darling had as her guests during Christmas Mrs. Fannie Bennett, Willard Bennett and Miss Clara Stokes, who will spend several weeks with Mrs. Darling.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dillabee of Worcester were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. LaBelle New Year's day.

#### Had Christmas Party.

Mrs. R. D. Curtis had her Christmas party as usual at Spruce lodge. Miss Edith Williams is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams.

Misses Kettelle and Lena Tripp are holiday guests at Spruce lodge, with Mrs. R. D. Curtis.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. O'Connell and children of Malden have been spending Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. William Watson.

#### Family Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Casey had a family reunion of their children at their home during Christmas week.

#### Burial of Mrs. Wilkins.

The body of Mrs. Samuel Wilkins was brought here from Providence Sunday for burial. Mrs. Wilkins formerly lived in Dayville, and the sister of Deacon Frank Burnett and Fred Burnett.

### WOODSTOCK

Chester Halstead entertained Mr. Wilson and son of Philadelphia and Mrs. Halstead's brother from Worcester over Christmas.

Harold D. Briggs of Pomfret, who has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. Allen Kenyon, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. O. H. Hiscox returned from New Haven Friday.

Miss Mary Sumner has been ill the past week.

Several attended the theft detecting society meeting at North Woodstock Tuesday.

### RAWSON

Mr. and Mrs. Minnie of New York are at E. Bennett's.

I. W. Hammond and daughter were in Pomfret Sunday.

Joe Dietrich took Christmas dinner with F. A. Phillips.

Several from here attended the dance New Year's eve in Grange hall, Hampton, given by the Behrhor Maids.

Miss Sadie Fitzgerald was in Putnam recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Baker were at I. W. Hammond's for Christmas.

### CHAPLIN

**Ex-Governor Walter E. Clark One of the Speakers at Christmas Tree Exercises.**

Rev. and Mrs. Walter E. Lanphier, of Hartford, spent Christmas, with friends in town.

Miss Carrie Fuller will spend a part of the winter in Danielson. Mrs. J. Wilbur Lanphier and Miss Charlotte Lanphier spent Christmas in Providence.

Miss Ethel Howard, teacher at East Greenwich, R. I., was home over the holiday vacation.

#### Tree and Concert.

The Congregational Sunday school, P. W. Martin, superintendent, gave a Christmas concert and had a Christmas tree at the church Christmas night. The exercises included bright new Christmas songs, recitations, readings and other exercises finely given by the children and enjoyed by the large number present.

Rev. H. C. McKnight gave an address. Rev. Walter E. Clark, who were present, were called upon to speak and responded in fitting words. At the close of the exercises Santa Claus suddenly appeared in the form of A. M. Littlefield and proceeded to give out presents from the heavily loaded tree. The church was attractively decorated with evergreen. The decorations were in charge of Mrs. Burton M. Welch.

### HOWARD VALLEY

School closed Dec. 20th with Christmas exercises and a Christmas tree. Mrs. Botham of Brooklyn is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harry Matthews.

Miss Hannah Biggs, of Norwich, visited Miss Helen Burnham over Sunday.

Mrs. L. E. Hawkes spent Christmas in Bristol, Ct., with her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Fitts.

Elmer Hawkes of Willimantic visited in the valley Sunday.

### Tolland County

### GURLEYVILLE

**Committee Achieve Fine Success in Christmas Exercises—Holiday Guests and Their Entertainments.**

The Christmas exercises and tree at the church Christmas were all well attended. The committee was Edward Bates, Irene Dunham, Ethel Simmons, Beatrice Tunnell, Ida Smith, Edith Langer, Mrs. W. D. Walker. Edward Walker impersonated Santa Claus to the satisfaction of all making the little ones happy. The following program was given: Music; Christmas, violin with organ accompaniment; hymn, joy to the world; prayer by the pastor; duet, O Little Town of Bethlehem by the Misses L. Smith, Beatrice Tunnell; responsive reading; singing, Merry Christmas, by Leon Dimock; recitations by Lily Marchant, Alfreda Walker, Robert Walker; singing Christmas Bells, choir; recitations by Joseph Marchant, Bertha Fuller, Sophia Murdall, solo Sleep Little Lambs, by Mrs. Charles Hobby; recitations by Doris Wood, Freddie Ruprecht; singing, Star of Bethlehem, choir; recitation by Agnes Ruprecht; This Christmas Time by Wilbur Hobby; reading Holy Night, by Ethel Simmons; singing Christmas Glory Song by the choir; recitation, Christmas Bureau of Information by Miss Ariene Dunham; solo by Pauline Tunnell; singing, Silent Night, Holy Night by choir; Grandpa's Talk to Ruth after Christmas by Edward Bates. After the arrival of Santa Claus and the distribution of gifts from the tree all being well remembered, the entertainment closed with the doxology and benediction. The program committee was Mrs. George Dimock music.

Mrs. H. E. Simonds, Miss Ariene Dunham, Miss Tunnell, recitations etc. Rev. E. H. Tunnell, superintendent.

#### On Holiday Outings.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Walker were the guests of relatives in Ware on Christmas.

Miss Ariene Dunham went to New York Friday to spend the remainder of the holidays.

#### At Christmas Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dodge were the guests at a Christmas party on Mt. Woodmont Christmas eve at the home of the Misses Cantor. They reported a fine time, with plenty of good cheer and novel entertainment, including Christmas gifts. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Yeomans are spending the holidays at F. C. Parker's.

Miss Lila Simonds and Miss Martha Langer are at their respective homes this week.

Among those who entertained guests Christmas day were Rev. E. F. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dodge. Of good cheer and novel entertainment, including Christmas gifts. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conant went to Willimantic. Mrs. Abbie Burr from Canterbury is staying with Mrs. Sarah Hanks.

### COLUMBIA

**Visitors During Holidays—Electric Lighting at Palmer Place—The Compensation Act.**

Two persons united with the church by profession Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shekleton of Hartford for Thanksgiving with Mrs. Shekleton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kneeland.

Mrs. May Lyman Smith and her sister, Miss Agnes Lyman who have been spending two weeks' vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lyman, returned to Brar Cliff Manor on the Hudson Sunday.

Miss Alice Miner of Northfield, Mass., and Mr. Wilbur Devendorf, superintendent of the Connecticut State Prison were guests of Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Foster over Sunday.

William A. Collins was with the families of John H. Davis and Raymond Collins in Hamden over Sunday.

Miss Caroline Atkins of New York was the guest of Mrs. William P. Johnson recently.

#### Visited Norwich Friends.

Mrs. Kate Wolf and son, William, spent Christmas day with friends in Norwich. Mrs. Wolf remained in Norwich until Sunday.

Deacon and Mrs. Edward P. Lyman and daughters Ruth and Edith, spent Sunday with the family of Milo Davoli, in Hartford.

Rev. E. O. Foster's topic at the Sunday Evening service was A Right Start. There was special music at this service.

#### Visiting Farm.

Carl Olandt and Adrian Bogardus of Montrose, N. Y., have been spending a few days in town at the farm of Mr. Olandt's father, Rev. O. Olandt, who is pastor of a church in Montrose and spends his summer vacations on his farm, not far from Hop River station.

Mr. and Mrs. Tipper of New Jersey were at their summer home in this place one day last week.

#### To Have Electric Lighting.

W. V. Palmer is putting an addition to his residence near Chestnut Hill station. The addition will contain office, bathroom, etc. Mr. Palmer intends to install an electric light plant and have all his buildings lighted by electricity. The plant could also furnish lights in the immediate neighborhood.

Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Foster entertained their Sunday School classes at the parsonage Tuesday evening. The addition to the Chestnut Hill schoolhouse is nearly completed.

#### Favors Employes.

Most of our citizens who have to employ help occasionally or by the month have sent in their refusal to

consent to Part B of the workmen's compensation act. This seems to be a very one-sided act. Everything to protect the employee and nothing to protect the employer.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Winter entertained Mr. Winters and H. P. Collins Sunday school classes New Year's eve at their home in Pine street. The young people had a most enjoyable evening.

T. G. Tucker has installed an electric light in his machine shop and now has his buildings lighted by electricity.

Curtis steam saw mill will be moved soon from the Powell lot on Chestnut Hill to the Shepaum woodlot in West street.

### RIPLEY HILL

**Death of Mrs. Wolcott Ayer at 86—Magazine Canvasser Fails to Make Good.**

The death of Mrs. Wolcott Ayer removes one of the oldest residents from the hill. Mrs. Ayer was 86.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy and their daughter were guests over Christmas of Mrs. Tracy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Green.

G. H. Clark lost his horse last week. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Stevens and son Howard, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Sherman of Westbrook, Conn., have been guests of their parents during the holidays.

R. H. Sherman has been ill with grip.

Canvassed For Magazine Subscriptions. Early in November a young man canvassed the hill, taking a number of subscriptions for magazines. In order to help him secure a scholarship at Pratt Institute, N. Y., nothing has been seen of the canvasser yet, although the firm assures inquirers their offer holds good.

F. B. Topf visited his nephew in Occum Christmas day.

### SOUTH WILLINGTON

**Everybody at Church Sunday, Tomorrow—Mill Schedule Changed.**

Joseph Radia, Jr., is visiting friends in New York.

Carl Goodman spent Christmas with friends in Hartford.

Rev. Karl W. Darrow announced last Sunday that next Sunday would be observed as "Everybody-at-Church" Sunday and asked that a special effort be made to insure an attendance worthy of the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Denman and sons, Jayne and Earl, of Springfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Raney of Willimantic were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Denman Christmas.

**Sunday School Officers.** The following officers were chosen at the business meeting of the Sunday school last Sunday: Supt., William N. Brackett, ass't, George H. Westfield, secretary, Gallup Service, treasurer, Walter E. Malt, sup't of primary dept., Mrs. Elmer Matthews.

**Change in Mill Hours.** A slight change has been made in the running time of the mill so that the rooms in which women are employed will start at 6:30 a. m. and run until 5:15 p. m. with 45 minutes for dinner.

### STAFFORD

Miss Anna Fenderson is spending the holiday at her home at Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ray were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holden of Bondville several days last week.

Miss Margaret Black of Suffield and William Black of New York were guests last week of their mother, Mrs. S. H. Black.

Linus Putney returned last Saturday from three weeks' stay in New Boston where he has been employed with others by W. D. Graver in building a weave shed 30x100 feet for the Fabron Woolen company.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pinney of New York, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Pinney and

family of the Springs enjoyed their annual Christmas gathering with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Pinney.

### COVENTRY

**Arthur J. Vinton to Teach North School—Church Meeting.**

Edward N. Loomis of Sacramento, Cal., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Loomis. Mr. Loomis is engaged in railroad work and has not been home for five years.

The church meeting will be held January 7th at 2 p. m. in the chapel. Arthur J. Vinton has been engaged to teach the North school the coming term.

#### Organist Ill.

The Christmas music for the morning service at the Second Congregational church was omitted last Sunday by Mr. L. B. Haven, the organist was ill with grip.

O. C. Hall lost one of his horses Monday. The horse was sick only a few hours.

### WILLINGTON

**Sunday School Now Precedes the Preaching Service.**

As a matter of expediency for the accommodation of the children who have attended the Sunday school will commence at 11 o'clock and the preaching service will follow immediately commencing at 12 o'clock. This reverses the order, the Sunday school preceding the service instead of following.

The placing of a new furnace in the Baptist church involves an enlargement of the basement and the building of a new chimney. The matter is still under advisement.

Mrs. Gardner and Miss Gardner spent Christmas with D. B. Gardner and family in Rockville.

### MANSFIELD DEPOT

Dr. McFarland occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church Sunday morning. The evening service was led by Mrs. McFarland. All the services were very interesting. Owing to attack of grip the pastor was unable to be at the services.

**Washington County, R. I.**

### ROCKVILLE

Mrs. George Mylod of Boston was a guest over Christmas of her sister, Mrs. Jennie Burdick.

Miss Mary Burdick visited Mrs. Amos Kenyon Monday.

Clayton Kenyon made his weekly trip to Alton Tuesday.

Erlo Barber has been carting railroad ties to Carolina the past week. Mr. Jared Barker visited her daughter at Wickford over Christmas.

#### Hose or Hoseley.

A New Rockville whose yard needed fall attention, called at the hardware department of a New York store. "I am in need of some lawn hose," he said. "Try the hose department, second floor," responded the young lady in charge.

#### Be Generous in Judgment.

Every man should be judged by his best, or, if not by his best alone, by the general tenor of his life, and we doubt whether any good is gained by dwelling upon the defects of a good man's life, even though it may make him seem more "human."

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**Making Use of Street Rybbish.** At Southwark, London, and at St. Ouen, France, street rubbish is transformed into a marketable product. At Southwark all the refuse is crushed to a powder, which is sold as a manure. At St. Ouen the powder thus made, with the addition of combustible substances, is formed into a cheap fuel.

**No Hops.** "Well, how are you getting on with your admirer, Alice?" "Oh, I have given up all hope now. We got stuck in an elevator for three hours yesterday and even that didn't make him propose."

**Another Baconian Theory.** "They say Shakespeare was a bad actor." "Yes," replied Mr. Stormington Barnes; "but maybe Bacon started that story to get even with Shakespeare for taking liberties with his manuscripts."

**Truism Repeated.** "No man is truly great," says a philosopher, "unless he is able to convince his neighbors that he is." That may be true. Anyway, a man's neighbors are the last to discover that he is great.

**Original "Yeggman."** The word yeggman is said to have originated from the criminal exploits of John Yegg, who, according to criminal tradition, was a Swedish desperado who operated in the Pacific coast states in the late seventies.

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Dr. W. F. Wallace, of Bradford, N. H., says: "I use your Castoria in my practice, and in my family."

Dr. Wm. L. McCann of Omaha, Neb., says: "As the father of thirteen children I certainly know something about your great medicine and aside from my own family experience, I have, in my years of practice, found Castoria